





FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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RE: MUR 5440

Bell South Corporation

Dear Mr. Baran:

This is in response to your letter dated April 21, 2004, which we received on April 21, 2004 requesting an extension until May 17, 2004 to respond to the complaint filed in the above-noted matter. After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, the Office of General Counsel has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on or before May 17, 2004.

If you have any questions, please contact me on our toll-free telephone number, (800) 424-9530. Our local telephone number is (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Elaine Devine, Paralegal Complaints Examination and

Legal Administration